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## RELATIONS WITH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

UNITED STATES : Draft resolution concerning the  
International Penal and Penitentiary  
CommissionThe Economic and Social Council;

Considering that intergovernmental activities in the field of prevention of crime and treatment of offenders should be primarily carried on within the United Nations in close relationship to the other aspects of the social program of the United Nations,

Recommends to Member Governments which are also members of the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission that they should take steps, within the Commission, to bring about the dissolution of the Commission and the transfer of its assets and functions to the United Nations to become effective subsequent to the termination of the Twelfth International Penitentiary Congress scheduled to be convened in 1950;

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a resolution by which the General Assembly would --

1. express the willingness of the United Nations to take over such of the functions and assets of the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission as the Commission may decide to transfer to the United Nations;
2. establish the following general principles to govern the carrying on, within the United Nations, of a program in the field of prevention of crime and treatment of offenders:

- a. the organization of a periodic Congress open to qualified persons from all countries eligible for participation in United Nations conferences;

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- b. participation in the work in this field, within the United Nations, of persons having professional, technical, or scientific experience in penal and penitentiary matters;
- c. utilization of such of the assets of the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission as may be transferred to the United Nations for the purposes of furthering the work of the United Nations in the field of prevention of crime and treatment of offenders.